

House Resolution No. 4345

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2657, of Callaway County, Missouri, which is observing its seventy-fifth anniversary on August 4, 2007; and

Whereas, VFW Post #2657 was chartered on August 4, 1932 by twenty-four World War I veterans; and

Whereas, VFW Post #2657 has had fifty-eight Post members elected Commanders, three of which went on to be elected State Commanders and three others went on to be elected District Nine Commanders, an unusual accomplishment for a Post of its relatively modest size; and

Whereas, the State Commanders were Earl J. "Pappy" Riggs, W.A. "Bill" Johnson, and Jessie L. Jones, and the three District Nine Commanders were Woodrow "Woody" Lewis, John "Mac" McDonald, and James "Jim" Gill; and

Whereas, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Post was chartered on January 28, 1943, and the Men's Auxiliary was chartered on November 10, 2003, with a combined membership of more than 500; and

Whereas, VFW Post #2657's first meeting was held on the second floor of a now demolished building in the downtown Fulton, Missouri, area; and

Whereas, VFW Post #2657 moved to its present location on Highway 54 South in the early 1950s and then shared a building with an Army Reserve Search Light Unit, and 84th Artillery Unit; and

Whereas, today VFW Post #2657 has 380 members and occupies a building erected in the early 1960s, with renovations having been made in the early 1970s:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to VFW Post #2657 on the illustrious occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary and to wish them all success and prosperity in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for VFW Post #2657.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4345, adopted July 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker